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ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911 SYSTEM COSTS

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of **U S West Communications Telephone Company's** Request for Approval of Certified Actual Costs Associated with the **Mille Lacs County** 911 Emergency Telephone Services System

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**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On November 24, 1981, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Mille Lacs County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services System.

Between February 16, 1987 and April 10, 1987, U S West Communications Telephone Company (the Company) placed a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone System into service for Mille Lacs County.

On April 4, 1989, the Company certified the actual costs it incurred for the provision of 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Mille Lacs County.

On September 21, 1989, the Commission approved actual 911 system costs for the provision of 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Mille Lacs County.

On November 1, 1993, the Company added Automatic Number Identification (ANI) and Automatic Location Identification (ALI) to the 911 Emergency Telephone System.

On October 14, 1996, the Company certified actual costs it incurred for the addition of ANI and ALI to the 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Mille Lacs County.

On February 5, 1997, the Commission approved the actual costs for the addition of ANI and ALI.

On July 1, 1997, the Company added tandem based ANI, ALI and Selective Routing (SR) to the 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Mille Lacs County.

On April 23, 1998, the Company certified the actual costs incurred for the provision of tandem based ANI, ALI and SR.

U S West Communications Telephone Company is now requesting Commission approval of the additional actual 911 system costs. Commission approval is necessary before the Department of Administration (DOA) will make payments for 911 system costs.

### **FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11, subd. 3 states:

Subd. 3 (METHOD OF PAYMENT; CERTIFICATION.) A public utility incurring reimbursable costs under subdivision 1 or 2 shall certify those costs to the commissioner of administration. The certification shall be in a form as prescribed by the commissioner after consultation with the public utilities commission. If the commissioner and the commission approve the certified costs as appropriate and accurate, the commissioner shall pay the certified costs from money appropriated for that purpose within 90 days following receipt by the commissioner of the certified costs. The commissioner of administration shall estimate the amount required to reimburse public utilities for the state's obligations under subdivisions 1 and 2 of this section and the governor shall include the estimated amount in the biennial budget request.

U S West Communications Telephone Company has certified, in writing, that the elements of 911 services and associated costs indicated on Attachment A reflect only charges for services actually rendered in the direct provision of 911 service in Mille Lacs County.

All charges listed on Attachment A are in accordance with the Company's tariffs.

The Commission finds that the costs for 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Mille Lacs County which have been certified by the Company are appropriate and accurate.

#### **Policy References:**

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11 System Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1400 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Recurring Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1500 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Central Office Modification Costs

### **ORDER**

1. The costs identified on Attachment A accompanying this Order are approved as appropriate and accurate.

2. This Order does not approve payment of any 911 system costs. Any possible future approval of payment for system costs shall be granted by the Commissioner of the Department of Administration in accordance with the provisions of Minn. Stat. Section 403.11.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Burl W. Haar  
Executive Secretary

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COUNTY OF RAMSEY )

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1998 (s)he served the attached **Order Approving Certified 911 System Costs for Mille Lacs County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P-421/ES-98-634.**

XX By depositing in the United States Mail at the City of St. Paul, a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped with postage prepaid

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, \_\_\_\_\_

a notary public, this \_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_, 1998.

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Notary Public